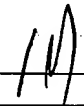
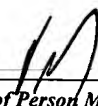


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Applicant(s): Atsushi Okawa, et al.					
Application No. 09/857,614	Filing Date June 6, 2001	Examiner Stephane B. Allen	Customer No.	Group Art Unit 2878	Confirmation No. 5173
Invention: OPTICAL SCANNING PROBE SYSTEM					
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 28, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks:

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